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NATIONAL PULSES DEVELOPMENT SCHEME IN U.P.
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of scheme being implemented under the National Pulses Development Scheme by the Government in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) the assistance provided to Uttar Pradesh under this scheme during the last three years;and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to organize demonstration of the Integrated Pest Management in all the districts of Uttar Pradesh?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA):

(a) and (b) Government of India implemented a Centrally Sponsored National Pulses Development Project (NPDP) from 1990 to 2003-04 for increasing production and productivity of pulse crops in the country including Uttar Pradesh Under this scheme, financial assistance was provided on various inputs like production and distribution of seeds, distribution of seed minikits, distribution of improved farm implements, sprinkler sets, Rhyzobium culture, micronutrients etc. In order to disseminate the production technology amongst the farmers` frontline demonstrations by the I.C.A.R. and block demonstrations by the State Deptt. of Agriculture were organized.However, in order to provide flexibility to the States in implementation based on regionally differentiated approach and to provide focused approach to the programmes, the scheme of NPDP has been merged into a Centrally Sponsored Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oilpalm and Maize (ISOPOM) during the 10th Five Year Plan which is being implemented from 1.4.2004 in 14 major States in the country including Uttar Pradesh.

The financial assistance provided to Uttar Pradesh under NPDP scheme during the last three years is as under:

Year	Amount Released (Rs. in lakh)
2001-02	107.00
2002-03	60.00
2003-04	172.00

(c) Assistance is provided to State Governments under ISOPOM for organizing demonstrations on Integrated Pest-Management (IPM) on farmers fields. Besides, assistance is also provided for supply of bio-agents to the farmers in all the pulses growing districts of Uttar Pradesh.